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TO: City Council
FROM: Sam Anselm, Interim City Manager
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RE: Weekly Report

Good afternoon, everyone. Below you will find my weekly update.

Key Meetings

- On Monday the mayor, Lynn Onstot and I met with Doug Doll and Rob O'Brian with the chamber to discuss their involvement in the renewal of the CIST. To follow up, Director Heatherly attended the public policy meeting at the Chamber office this morning, and they voted to recommend to the Chamber board that they fund a campaign to renew the sales tax. That meeting will be on the 27th of May.
- Later that morning, staff met to discuss the Wildwood Ranch development project, and we are trying to set a meeting with Jimmer Pinjub to discuss his concerns and the progress of the project. In December of 2008 council approved an agreement with the developer and laid out some terms and conditions that the developer would have to meet regarding construction, etc.
- On Tuesday staff and I met to review the RFQs for the renovation of Joe Becker Stadium. We received three responses and have entered contract negotiations with the firm that received the highest rankings. We should have a council bill and agreement to you at your first meeting in June so we can stay on schedule with the project.
- On Wednesday the mayor, staff and I met with members of the Connect2Culture board to discuss the SPARK project. It is my intention to attend the C2C meetings in an effort to keep the lines of communication open between their board and the city. I believe that arts are a critical piece of bringing quality of life amenities to a community, and I'm optimistic that we have the right group at the table to help advance that.
- I did not attend the TIF hearing last night, but the TIF Commission did vote unanimously to recommend the project to council, so you can look for the public hearing at the June 16th Council meeting.
- This morning I received an update on the Public Safety Training Center to discuss some issues regarding the layout of the site, storm water requirements, and the design of the

facility. The design of the facility has been put on hold until we can work out some of these issues, but it's a bit premature to talk about them at this point in any great detail.

Miscellaneous

- As a heads up, during a future informal meeting staff from the health department would like to update you on amendments to our new health code that we will ask you to update in the future. But rather than dropping the updated code on you cold, we feel an update during an informal meeting will give you an opportunity to review and provide comments on it before we move forward. After Director Pekarek returns to work next week we'll determine the date to bring it to you.
- You may have seen the announcement that the parks and rec survey is now available. Nearly 180 people have filled it out in the two days it has been public, so I'm optimistic that we will be able to present you with some good information about how our residents feel about various parks and rec issues. If you have not yet taken the survey, here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/joplinparks2014>. Please ask your friends and family to complete it as well.

That's all I have for you this week; I apologize for the shortened report, but because this is our city attorney's last day, I'm going to go grab another piece of cake. I hope you have a good weekend, and don't hesitate to let me know if I can help you with anything.